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May 9, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Commission:

I write in support of the City of Santee's grant application for \$1,445,000 to acquire and design a trail on the Walker Property. It is located along the San Diego River in San Diego County and will protect, restore, and enhance the habitat and open space on the site and provide compatible public access. The Walker Property application is on the Conservancy's May 19, 2011 agenda.

This proposed expenditure of Proposition 84 funds set aside by the California legislature for San Diego River Conservancy projects, achieves one of the Conservancy's most critical land conservation objectives. The acquisition of the Walker properties in Santee is an important milestone for the region's efforts to establish a riparian corridor from the river's mountain headwaters to the Pacific Ocean, while connecting habitat conservation areas, parks, and public open spaces in a densely populated watershed.

This project reflects the remarkable partnership among the City of Santee, the Trust for Public Lands, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Fish and Game, Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, the San Diego River Coalition, and the San Diego River Conservancy to provide habitat improvements for endangered species and further the development of the San Diego River Trail that will expand public access along the river.

The restoration of the San Diego River and expanding public access along the river has strong support within the region. I urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District

cc: Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, California State Coastal Conservancy
Mary Small, South Coast Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy



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Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco:

**SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED: WALKER PROPERTY
ACQUISITION ALONG THE SAN DIEGO RIVER**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your proposal to authorize a grant to the City of Santee to acquire the Walker Property, which includes 1.3 miles of riparian frontage along the San Diego River. Acquiring the property will help the City of Santee, in partnership with the San Diego River Conservancy, to restore the San Diego River's natural hydrology and habitat and to expand the San Diego River Trail.

The project is consistent with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) Basin Plan. It is also consistent with the San Diego Water Board's mission to protect the beneficial uses of California's waters and will help to restore the biological and physical integrity of the San Diego River. Restoration of the San Diego River is consistent with the San Diego Water Board's hydromodification and buffer zone requirements established to protect rivers and streams from impacts caused by development.

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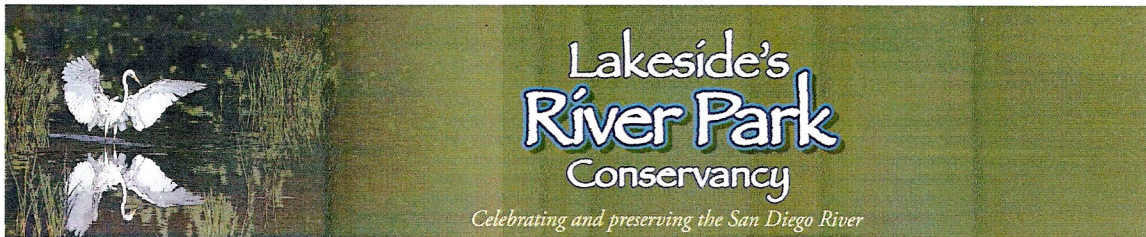
Respectfully,

DAVID W. GIBSON
Executive Officer

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Our mission is to preserve and restore the biological integrity and beauty of the San Diego River while integrating recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for youth, seniors, families and citizens of East San Diego County.

Samuel P. Schuchat
Executive Officer,
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

April 26, 2011

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

The purpose of this correspondence is to endorse and recommend favorable consideration of the City of Santee's grant application for \$1,445,000 to acquire and design a trail on the Walker Property along the San Diego River, San Diego County, for the purpose of protecting, restoring and enhancing habitat and open space, and providing compatible public access.

The acquisition of the Walker properties in Santee is an important milestone for the region's efforts to establish a riparian corridor from the river's mountain headwaters to the Pacific Ocean, while connecting habitat conservation areas, parks and public open spaces in our densely populated watershed. This proposed expenditure of Proposition 84 funds set aside by the California legislature for the San Diego River Conservancy's projects enjoys wide spread support throughout the San Diego metropolitan area.

This exciting project boasts a partnership that includes the City of Santee, Trust for Public Lands, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Fish and Game, Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, the San Diego River Coalition and the San Diego River Conservancy. It will provide habitat improvements for endangered species, further the development of the San Diego River Trail, and make possible significant flood control benefits for the City of Santee.

Lakeside's River Park Conservancy has been a leader in the restoration of the San Diego River; the Conservancy looks forward to working with this partnership to accomplish the purposes of this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robin Rierdan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Robin' and last name 'Rierdan' clearly distinguishable.

Robin Rierdan
Executive Director
Lakeside's River Park Conservancy

RESOLUTION NO. 032 – 2011

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE
HANLON-WALKER PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy ("Conservancy") under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy's statutory objectives, in light of limited funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santee ("applicant") has applied for or intends to apply for Conservancy grant funding for the Hanlon-Walker Acquisition Project ("the project"); and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy encourages applicants for grant funding to certify through a resolution the applicant's approval of the application and of certain listed assurances at the time of submission of an application to the Conservancy for an award of grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Santee, California hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding by the Conservancy.
2. Has or will have sufficient funds to complete and, following completion, to operate and maintain any property acquired under the project or to operate and maintain any facilities funded as part of the project for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of the facilities.
3. Agrees to provide any funds beyond the Conservancy grant funds necessary to complete the project.

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4. Authorizes the City Manager or designee to act as a representative of the City of Santee and to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, at a Regular Meeting thereof held this 13th day of April, by the following roll call vote to wit:

AYES: **MCNELIS, MINTO, RYAN, VOEPEL**


NOES: **NONE**

ABSENT: **DALE**

APPROVED:


RANDY VOEPEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PATSY BELL, CMC, CITY CLERK

Resolution No: 10-08

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN DIEGO RIVER
CONSERVANCY**

**Authorizing The Executive Officer To Pursue Purchase Of The Walker Properties
And Approval of Use of Funds from
The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood
Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006
(Proposition 84)**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds to the California Coastal Conservancy for projects approved by the San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the San Diego River Conservancy at its March 5, 2009, meeting found that the expenditure of funds for acquiring the Walker Properties is consistent with its enabling statute, which directs the Conservancy: "to acquire and manage public land within the San Diego River Area."; and

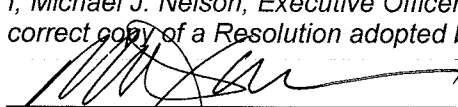
WHEREAS, this project is consistent with SDRC's Program 1: Land Conservation of the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and also responds to the Conceptual Plan for the San Diego River Park; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Board in closed session discussed the status of real estate negotiations with its negotiators, Executive Officer Michael Nelson, Bob Flewelling and Virginia Lorne of the Trust for Public Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board unanimously resolved and authorized the Executive Officer to:

1. Subject to the approval of the California Coastal Conservancy, utilize Proposition 84 funding set aside for SDRC to acquire as many of the Walker Properties as possible at fair market value;
2. Participate in or prepare applications to all potential funding programs to accomplish the acquisition;
3. Continue to partner with the Trust for Public Land to put the Walker Properties under an option and purchase agreement; and
4. Pursue discussions with the City of Santee and the Lakeside River Park Conservancy to accept title to the property and management responsibility for it.

I, Michael J. Nelson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the San Diego River Conservancy on November 4, 2010.



Michael J. Nelson
Executive Officer



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